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MSU students continue to illegally download music

WHITNEY EVANS — Staff Writer

Morehead State University students recently received an e-mail from President Wayne Andrews addressing the issue of students downloading copyrighted materials on campus. In the message, Andrews said the university is working on ways to combat the problem, which results in violations of university policy and federal copyright laws. Andrews said students, faculty and staff have the responsibility to educate themselves about and comply with the law.

MSU General Council Jane Fitzpatrick said the e-mail sent to students was prompted by the university discovering more cases of illegal downloading and uploading than in previous years.

"The past numbers were considered serious," Fitzpatrick said. "The rise in notices this year prompted the direct correspondence from the president as a tool again to educate the students."

Brent Jones, director of Information Technology at MSU, said, the university does not monitor illegal downloading. He said copyright violation is brought to the attention of administrators when they are notified by one of the industry agencies, such as the

Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) or the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA). These organizations actively monitor the Internet to look for violations.

The RIAA represents the U.S. recording industry and distributes about 90 percent of all sound recordings in the United States. The MPAA provides most of audiovisual entertainment created in the film industry.

Jones said although the university has no way of knowing whether illegal file sharing has increased, MSU has seen a rise in allegations from these organizations.

"This is likely a result of increased efforts to discover Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) violations rather than an increase in file sharing activity," Jones said.

Illegal downloading has been going on for years, he said. What has changed is the aggressiveness to which agency's are monitoring, cracking down and punishing violators. Students who download copyrighted material or provide these materials to others via LimeWire, Kazaa, etc. are in direct violation

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Raconteur keeps campus memories alive

ALEXIS DAMON — Managing Editor

Each year students attend college they make memories and friends that someday are part of a larger collection of school memories. These cherished recollections can sometimes be brought back to life in the Raconteur, MSU's yearbook.

A raconteur is defined as someone good at telling anecdotes, or a storyteller. The Raconteur has been documenting MSU's history of education and campus and societal changes since 1927.

Emily Price, a staff assistant in Allie Young and the Raconteur advisors, worked as one of the student editors during her senior year at MSU. She graduated in 2001 with a degree in graphic design, and returned to the university to receive an associate degree in nursing. She said when the spot came open for a staff adviser, she saw it as another opportunity to con-

tinue working on the yearbook.

Price works with four students who sought out the positions on the staff as institutional work studies. The students take pictures at events throughout the school year, photograph buildings around campus and cover all sporting events. The yearbook documents both fall and spring semesters.

The Raconteur is funded by MSU, Price said. The institutional work study students are accountable for eight to 10 hours a week.

The staff members work on layouts, graphic design and choose the theme for the book. Price said the yearbook traditionally had a hard cover, but in the past several years the book was converted to a magazine style.

"This year's theme is Déjà vu," Price said. "We are going to use pic-

tures from past yearbooks with pictures from this year, to show that traditions at MSU can repeat themselves."

The yearbook will include sever-

"The yearbook documents the attitude on campus for an entire year, and that can't be captured any other way."

— Caitlin Torgirson, Freshman

al pages dedicated to each decade, to show the style of each era, Price said.

Once the yearbook is finished, it is sent to a publisher in West Virginia to be printed. It can then be

returned to campus to be distributed; Price said.

Price said about 3,000 books are handed out in the spring in different buildings, including ADUC.

Price said there are always yearbooks left over, which are stored on campus. "People can come back and get extra copies from the years they were at MSU," she said.

The library also keeps two copies of every yearbook, one for people to look at, and one to be kept in storage in a different site as a backup.

Teresa Johnson, the library assistant for university archives, said a lot of students come in to look at the older Raconteurs to see pictures of parents, professors, or older siblings. Alumni come back to look at the years they attended MSU and reminisce about their college days.

The Raconteur was published continuously from 1927 until

1943, Johnson said. At that time, there was a post-war paper shortage and the yearbook could not be published again until 1948.

"It was put out again from 1948 until 1976, and in 1976 and '77 it became a university publication," Johnson said. "In 1978 it went back to its original Raconteur format."

Johnson said in 1996 and 1997 the Raconteur became a university publication again and the two years (1995-1996 and 1996-1997) were combined into one book.

"In the earliest years the staff sold ads for funding," Johnson said. "Now they receive some funding through campus."

Johnson also worked for the Raconteur in 1988. She said the staff, during that year, included several interns and volunteers who would go out and take pictures.

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Library is heart of campus

SARAH PERRY — Editor

Camden-Carroll Library has stood at the heart of the Morehead State University campus for 76 years, enhancing students' education and helping pave the road to their degrees.

The library started in 1922, with 4,360 books donated by the Christian Church of Morehead and \$500 budgeted by administrators for the foundation of what is now Camden-Carroll Library.

The library began with a small staff and was located in Burgess Hall, a building which stood on the site of the present library and housed a chapel, music rooms and the home of President Frank C. Button, according to a 1972 edition of The Trail Blazer.

The current library, which was completed in 1931, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has withstood the test of time, storms and at least two major remodeling projects. It has outlived 13 presidents and served as the backdrop for speeches, protests and lawn picnics.

Teresa Johnson, library assistant for special collections and archives, said Camden-Carroll Library was "literally designed to be the center of campus." She describes the design of the building as collegiate gothic, featuring gargoyles and an embellishment on the front of the building that "represents enlightenment and the prestige of education."

Johnson said all the marble throughout the library is Italian, and when she first came here as a student in the 1980s, she was impressed by the library.

"I was from Salt Lake, Ky. The tower was brand-spanking new and it was so big and scary to me," she said. "I was so overwhelmed when I saw all that marble — I had never seen so much marble in all my life."

Johnson has conducted extensive research on the library's history and found a picture in an old Trail Blazer of all the student population trying to cram into the library.

"When they were trying to get the new

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Photo by Carlo Angerer

Emerson Drive performed in Button Auditorium Thursday, Oct. 4. The concert was sponsored by SAC.

Downloading

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tion of DMCA and individuals found to be in violation can be sued.

"Several students at MSU have received pre-lawsuit notifications from these agencies demanding settlements of \$3,000," Jones said. "One such suit was tried in Minnesota this week and the jury awarded \$222,000 to the RIAA for copyright infringement and damages. Theft of intellectual property can carry very high penalties."

Jones said, since the university cannot monitor these violations, the only thing administrators can do is raise awareness within the campus

community.

"The e-mail from President Andrews highlighted both our own institutional policy as well as referencing copyright use resources that are helpful for students and employees who have questions about copyright," Jones said. "Many of our MSU 101 classes incorporate copyright infringement in their curriculum, and we are continuing to explore other ways of addressing the issue more broadly."

Fitzpatrick said this fall the university included training covering the topic of illegal file sharing as part of the new student program session

attended by about 800 students.

"Through these two measures, our freshmen should be thoroughly aware of their obligation to follow the copyright law," Fitzpatrick said. "As in past years, students who are the subject of the RIAA notifications, confirmed by our system, have computer access removed for two weeks. A second violation results in a \$100 reconnection fee with access denied until the fee is paid." A third violation requires a meeting with the dean of students. The offender is subject then to additional sanctions and or discipline."

Fitzpatrick said as an Internet provider, MSU is required to make an effort to

stop unlawful usage. Otherwise, the institution can be held liable. She said students should take it upon themselves to recognize the seriousness of breaking the law.

"As good citizens, students must recognize that obeying the law is an obligation," Fitzpatrick said. "Violating copyright is stealing the work or property of another. It is no different than taking any other item of property from someone. There are legal methods to obtain music, movies, etc., online and elsewhere. There is no excuse for illegal methods being used."

Raconteur

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"It is a good experience for students who like feature-type writing, rather than news-story writing," Johnson said.

The Raconteur can be viewed in the Camden-Carroll Library's archive section. Earlier editions contain pictures of campus and all the buildings, and offer an inside look at dorm rooms of that time. Yearbook-style pictures of all faculty, staff, administrators, the Board of Regents, and students by class are incorporated into the book.

"The last year for mug shots of students was 1997," Price said.

In the 1928 yearbook, mug shots for members of the senior class were accompanied by short bios and a quote about each student. One describing Gertrude Dotson read, "Gert's smile will bring her a ring soon." Another quoted Virgil B. Howland as saying, "God bless the girls; I love them

all."

Jokes and ads from the community can be found at the end of the 1928 Raconteur, and also a poem written by a student of that time. Some books include pictures showing the construction of the Mignon Halls, a "Moonsoon Season" photo montage of students battling rain on their way to class and another contained a picture of an MSU "Playboy bunny centerfold."

Freshman Caitlin Torgirson said her parents still own their yearbooks from their time spent at MSU, and she used to look through the books.

"I thought it was neat to look at people from a different time," Torgirson said. "The yearbook documents the attitude on campus for an entire year, and that can't be captured any other way."

Library

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edition, they were trying to see if they could get all of the student body in the library because it was in the early 60s," she said. "We always say we need more room. It was probably one of our first bids to try to get more room [in the library]."

*Additional problems

Since initial construction began in 1929, Camden-Carroll Library has expanded several times, according to United States Department of the Interior documents. The architect firm Joseph & Joseph oversaw all building in 1929 and again in 1964 when the existing floor space of the library was doubled.

In Dec. 1978, another addition began by architect Louis Ryan Hugg, Jr., according to federal documents. A "post-modern style tower" was added, increasing the floor space to 112,457 square feet.

Dr. Jack Ellis, who served as director of libraries from 1968-1985, said the five-story tower originally was planned for seven. After a nightclub

fire in Newport killed 160 people, building regulations for tall structures were more strictly enforced. "They told us any building or public assembly place was being scrutinized to the utmost," he said.

Ellis said when the new addition was dedicated and named after former Kentucky Governor Julian Carroll, hundreds of people showed up. But the people were showing up to dissent against the governor because they were angry about a bridge in Portsmouth, he said.

"As a result, we had hundreds of people demonstrating against the governor and it was covered by news photographers and television cameras," Ellis said.

Ellis remembers more than one event the library witnessed that caused a stir on campus. He said after the Kent State shooting in 1970, he came back from a visit to Georgia and students on campus had met with President [Adron] Doran with a list of demands.

President Doran did not jump to the bait, he said.

"Well, President Doran — nobody presents demands to President Doran — not faculty, staff, not even the president [of the United States]," Ellis said.

Eventually, things settled down on campus, he said.

New building, new services

Dr. Frances Helphinstine, an MSU English professor who was a student in 1959, said library services have transformed greatly over the years. When she was a student, there was no way to make photocopies in the library. Students had to transcribe their information from sources, such as encyclopedias or magazines, onto note cards.

"Students today need to know their mother and grandmother didn't have all this knowledge at their fingertips," she said.

The role of librarians also has changed, Helphinstine said.

Now, librarians stay behind-the-scenes and create new ways to help students, she said. Fifty years ago, "everybody got one-on-one service"

and "every librarian was loved because they were your personal guides."

Helphinstine remembers one librarian in particular, Margaret Stone, who "gave the most wonderful lessons." She described Stone as an "information mine, the Yahoo and everything" of the library, who knew everything there was to know.

Online databases, photocopies and online catalogs make information much more accessible, she said, but the need for a physical library will remain.

Johnson said, although Camden-Carroll library doesn't receive large sums of money from alumni and it isn't the biggest library in the state, the library services are comparable.

"Students [alumni] always tell me the one thing they miss about Morehead is the friendly library service," Johnson said. "And while we're not the biggest and we don't get the biggest chunk of money, I think we're pretty good."



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EDITORIAL

Press must use its freedom responsibly

Journalists at student newspapers across the nation fight a continuing battle to gain respect from administrators and credibility with readers. When some campus newspapers cross the line from reasoned dissent into unethical territory, they make it harder for the rest to maintain respect as the voice of their respective campus communities.

In recent weeks, at least two campus newspapers crossed that line.

Last week the University of Kentucky's student-run newspaper, *The Kentucky Kernel*, published a cartoon that depicted a bare-chested black student standing in shackles on a slave auction block, according to a story in the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. The *Herald-Leader* describes the white auctioneer who "calls the black student a 'young buck,' while taking bids from representatives of three fictitious fraternities with names suggesting they are all-white and racist: Aryan Omega, Kappa Kappa Kappa and Alpha Caucasian. The KKK is a reference to the Ku Klux Klan."

The cartoon sparked a peaceful protest Friday by more than 100 UK students. Friday night, the *Kernel* posted apologies on its Web site, kykernel.com, saying, "Sometimes, it is necessary to be offensive or controversial to make a point. But in this case, we crossed the line."

On Sept. 28, Colorado State University's student-run newspaper the *Rocky Mountain Collegian* printed an editorial attacking President George W. Bush written by editor J. David McSwane, with the headline, "Taser this (expletive) Bush." The headline received national media attention and "caused a furor," according to *The Denver Post*. On Oct. 5, Fox News reported that McSwane was "admonished for the paper's use of an obscenity" by CSU's Board of Student Communication.

Both student newspapers did more than cross the line — they disregarded ethical guidelines, printed material potentially offensive to most readers and practiced poor editorial decision making. Incidents such as these further enhance negative stereotypes of student newspapers and diminish their credibility. Some people think college journalists do not take journalism seriously. Obscene headlines and racially charged cartoons only nurture those viewpoints.

It is impossible to operate a free press without offending someone. But newspaper editors who allow obscene and intentionally offensive material are at fault for either lack of oversight or sloppy decision-making. In his apology posted on the Web site, *Kernel* editor Keith Smiley admitted he never even glanced at the cartoon before it went to print. Newspapers have the right to print opinion on designated pages, but vulgarity and racially demeaning images have no place in campus newspapers.

The furor caused by these two incidents should provide a wakeup call to all campus newspaper editors. It certainly has made their fight for press freedom even harder.

NOTICE

The *Trail Blazer* is beginning an online poll, slated to make its first appearance in next week's edition of the paper. Visit our Web site at www.trailblazeronline.net to voice your opinions.



Commentary Voting change is inconvenient



Alexis Damron
Managing Editor

The change from the AIMS system to Datatel has affected the way students and faculty at MSU deal with all online information and registering for courses. It also has created a lot of confusion and complaints. Now we are seeing Datatel problems showing up in the voting process.

In the past, student organizations each fall nominated candidates for Homecoming Court and those candidates all were put on a ballot on AIMS. The student body voted

and the Homecoming Court was selected. The student body then was given another chance to vote for King and Queen.

However, the Datatel system does not have the capability for online voting, so old-fashioned voting booths had to be brought in to allow students to vote for Homecoming.

This change in voting procedures changed the entire process and kept some students, who would ordinarily vote, from participating in a Homecoming tradition.

Rather than being able to log onto their online service from any computer at any time, students had to

go into ADUC during the day with their ID cards, stand in line after signing several sheets of paper and then enter the awkward booth. Although it was a simple task of pressing a button next to a candidate's name, it was much easier, and more private, to click a mouse.

In the privacy of their dorm room or home, students could take their time to consider their choices, or even consult a roommate. In the booths at ADUC, the student only had the choice of standing behind the curtains for a long time while pondering their choices, or hurrying through the process and picking random names.

The major problems with this voting method involved having to go to ADUC and having to have an ID card once there. Many students never go into ADUC, and if it is not a part of their daily routine, chances are those students didn't vote. Other students were turned away because they did not have their ID cards and did not go back the second time.

The voting situation is a major inconvenience that should have been considered before switching to Datatel or any new IT program.

Letters to the Editor Reader says MSU didn't protect students

Editor:

I am writing in response to your editorial, "Trail Blazer reaffirms right of dissent" in which you discuss the [alleged] rape at Cartmell Hall on the 8th and events that followed. While this is certainly enough to be angered by, are you aware that this was not the only crime of a sexual nature reported on campus last month?

I discovered this after my roommate happened to see the story at the bottom of the MSU website and mentioned something to

me. Curious about the incidents, I did some research of my own and discovered the following: In addition to the [alleged] rape at Cartmell on the 8th, there was an [alleged] rape at Cooper Hall on the 5th (reported on the 6th) and an [alleged] sexual assault reported on the 18th. With three reports of sexual crime in a month, I would say this is a problem the university needs to address.

I understand that there is nothing the university can do in the form of punishing people if victims do not wish to press charges, as

with the alleged crimes on the 5th and 18th, but I think it is irresponsible not to inform students that these events have been reported, especially when two of the accused are still out there.

I do not think it matters whether these were [alleged] acquaintance rapes and/or assaults or not; who is to say the alleged assailants won't attack another acquaintance or even a victim they have never met? The bottom line is students need to be informed of reported events and further educated on prevention so that

chance of assault is less likely to occur in the future.

I am very disappointed with the university's handling of these situations and find it odd a campus that is praised for its safety preparations does very little when it comes to protecting its students by informing them when crimes such as these are reported to police.

Meg Thompson
MSU Student

Campus Comment

Which method of voting do you prefer for homecoming: booth or online?

After voting online for several semesters, students had to vote in booths for this year's Homecoming elections.

The *Trail Blazer* asked students how they preferred to vote.



Christina Dalton
Freshman Nursing
Kingsmill, Ohio

"Online. I don't like getting in a large crowd (because) it's a hassle."



Erin Wyles
Freshman Pre-Med
Paducah, Ky.

"Booth. I've never voted online."



Nick Rose
Senior Geography Dept. of IRAPP
Bethel, Ohio

"Online. It's easier and quicker."



Patrick Fannin
Freshman History
South Shore, Ky.

"Online. [It] seems like a lot of students don't go to ADUC."

Transition leaves students unprepared

BETTY CHANEY — Staff Writer

Many college freshmen have trouble transitioning from the restrictions of their high school years to the liberating college life. With so many new decisions to make, some students have problems deciding on majors, classes and even who to hang out with.

"The transition is just weird," MSU freshman Megan Hudson said. Hudson said newfound freedoms often cause trouble.

"I have to worry about time management now. Your roommates go out every night and you have to worry about whether or not you can afford to go out," she said.

Sophomore Kami Cooper said she likes the freedom of college.

"My parents were never really that strict," she said. "I could stay out late on occasion but I don't even do that now."

Director of Academic and Career Services Mike Hopper said he believes part of the problem is that students have so many options, including what to major in. The average college student switches majors three times, he said.

"I think the majority of the problem is that most students haven't had a real job, except in fast food," Hopper said. "Students don't know themselves or what to do with their

interests."

Sometimes that has a negative impact on freshmen and many drop out of school. Jeffrey Liles, assistant vice president for enrollment services, said, according to preliminary figures, 65 percent of first-time freshmen registered at MSU in fall 2006 returned

requires changing majors before finding the right one. Jessica Cole, a junior, switched majors once.

"When I started going to school here I was a biology major," Cole said. "Now I'm a secondary education math major. I'm behind on credits and have to take 18 hours each semester now and I may have

ized it just wasn't for me," she said. "I hate biology. I thought I wanted to be a pharmacist. Now, I want to be a high school math teacher."

Cole said she intends to prepare her future students for college.

"I don't intend on making my classes easy," she said. "I think the students should have

Breschel said he doesn't think today's high schools are intellectually challenging and they do not push students to reach their full learning potential.

Megan Hudson said high school was a joke compared to college.

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Cole said she also didn't feel prepared.

"In high school, I took a free college history class," Cole said. "It required more work than my high school classes but I don't believe it was as hard as the math classes I'm taking now."

Most of the students interviewed said they had difficulty writing college-level papers.

Krug said, "I didn't really know how to write a college-level paper because my [high school] teachers all kind of

didn't care. So I was a little worried."

Cooper said college was the first time she heard of MLA format.

"I really had to look that up myself. They expected us to already know," she said. Breschel said he really never struggled with the transition because of what his wife calls the "hippie high school" he attended.

"I attended Open High School in Richmond, Va.," Breschel said. "With permission of the school board we took college courses. I probably had the equivalent of two years of college by the time I actually started college."

College also can have an effect on personal support systems.

Krug said, "My support system has changed from other people to myself. I've learned to rely on myself instead of using other people as crutches."

Cooper said not much has changed in her support system.

"My parents still try to remind me to study and everything," she said. "Now, I also have roommates to remind me."

But Cooper added that roommates are not always helpful.

"Last year I had had roommates. Sometimes I would just sit and cry," she said. "It felt so horrible. That's the only time I would get really homesick."

Cole said she was homesick a lot during her first year here.

"I had an awful roommate for the first part of the year," Cole said. "I just wanted to go home."



Photo by Carlo Angerer

Sometimes freshmen at MSU become disoriented during the transition between high school and college.

in fall 2007.

Lora Pace, first year program and student retention director, said there are many reasons freshmen do not return. She cited homesickness, financial problems, illness and location for several explanations of the 35 percent of freshmen who did not return.

Another reason is that some students may think they "fit" better at another school. "MSU is not for everyone," Pace said.

But for the students who remain, deciding a major can be difficult and sometimes

to take more summer classes to catch up on education classes so I can finish up within four years while my scholarship is still good."

Hopper said it is often hard for freshmen to connect general education classes with the needs of their career needs.

"It happened to me as a freshman," he said. "I took European history and thought to myself, 'I'm not going to be a historian.'"

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Student Francis Krug relaxes beneath the Bell Tower.

campus calendar

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Guitar/Bass Concert Series Duncan Recital Hall 8 p.m.	Oct. 18 Homecoming parade Main Street 6 p.m.
Oct. 16 Concert: Symphony Band	Renewable energy round table Hosted by the Appalachian Studies program Rader Hall room 112 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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Initiative more important than major

Employers looking for communication skills, work ethic

HEATHER WEBB — Staff Writer

National advertisements publicizing company searches for new employees sometimes never mention certain degree majors as a requirement for a job. Some students are now wondering if majors really matter at all.

"All your major tells employers is that you are willing to put up with someone's crap for four years," James Shortridge, Jr., a 2007 graduate of Pikeville College, said.

Jerry Paulson, senior director of the talent acquisition group for Sodexo in Gaithersburg, Md., told Job Choices for Business and Liberal Arts Students: 2008 [Job], "We look at the whole person to understand more about the student. [For example,] if the student works while going to school or has completed an internship, that demonstrates initiative." →

Students should be willing

to start at entry-level jobs, Paulson said. Internships, volunteer work, or low-level jobs show employers the students' skills and work ethic, which can be impressive to those employers.

Julia Hawkins, MSU Career Services director, said, majors can matter, depending on the field, the industry and the recruiters. Students must know what the employers expect and must try to meet

those requirements.

Hawkins said employers look more at "what [skills] you can offer them than the degree."

According to surveys done by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, recruiters look at the following skills as extremely important: verbal/written communication skills, interpersonal skills, honesty, integrity, teamwork skills, strong work ethic, analytical skills, flexibility, adaptability, organizational skills, leadership, self-confidence and being detail-oriented.

Sandy Hall, a program specialist for MSU's Educational Talent Search said students should take co-op courses or internships in different fields that may interest them. These option give students opportunities to choose a major that best fits them and students can decide if they are willing to learn those skills.

"You get a chance to do a test drive of the career," she said.

According to Job, employers look at the skills future employees can bring to the table. The employers may want to see the students' GPAs or what classes they have taken. Recruiters look for well-rounded people to hire, according to the magazine.

Some companies look for people within many different majors who are interested more in the skills gained from the major, Hawkins said.

According to an ad for El Paso Corporation, a pipeline company, El Paso looked for students with majors in the following areas: finance, accounting, professional landman, business management and information technology.

Though the company deals with natural gas pipelines, it needs people for positions not necessarily related to pipelines, according to the ad.

Some companies want their employees to meet very specific requirements. In an ad for the Audit Bureau of Circulations, students applying for the listed job were required to have "a bachelor's degree in a business field with at least nine hours of accounting."

And that's when majors can matter, Hall said.

"You can't have an art major and be an attorney," Hall said. "Most occupations are specialized."

Hall said if she could turn back time, she would have concentrated her studies in one specific area.

"If I had known back then, I would have fine tuned it all and studied that one thing, like social work or teaching," she

said. Hall said her business degree did not fulfill requirements for the administrative assistant jobs she applied for, even though she had the same amount of education as the people who received the jobs. The jobs were awarded to university studies majors. She is currently taking classes in university studies to be eligible for more jobs as an administrative assistant.

Job explains that majors can be important when finding jobs. Advisers and professors can guide students to internships and entry-level jobs, help with networking to find future jobs and simply give information about the field.

The magazine stresses students need to be willing to further their education, be trained within a field or start at the bottom and work up. All of the experience will impress the employers, according to the magazine.

MSU senior Tommy Oney advised students not to "settle."

"Do something that makes you happy," he said. "Don't pick a major solely on what you think will make you money. That's not what is important."



Photo by Chris Anger

MSU students need to focus more on what employers are expecting rather than what the university requires.

Job search difficult for graduates

Career Fair can speed up process

BETTY CHANEY — Staff Writer

After graduation, many MSU students experience difficulty finding a job. Career Services Director Julia Hawkins said they are not alone.

"Hunting for a job is the hardest job you will ever do," Hawkins said, adding the average job search takes six to seven months.

MSU graduate Sam Moran's job search took seven months. Moran, who works for the car rental company Enterprise, credits her job to the MSU Career Fair.

"I went to the career fair, took my resume and went to some interviews," Moran said.

Moran completed her first interview that day. After three more interviews and a background check, she was hired

on July 16, 2007.

Many students think companies at the Career Fair are not searching for students from this area, Hawkins said.

"They [employers] pay to come here. If they pay they're interested in our students," Hawkins said.

Moran said the Career Fair is a valuable tool for students. "You can look [for jobs] but the fact that the Career Fair is on campus is helpful," Moran said. "They [the employers] want new employees and they get to see you person-to-person."

Hawkins said the MSU JOB-Link, a free service on the Career Services page of the MSU website, can help students find jobs. The service is available to students and

alumni.

Hawkins said many students search for jobs in a specific location, but flexibility is a key factor to landing a job.

"If a student jumps through hoops, they'll get a job," she said. "Not leaving [an area] shows you're not adaptable."

Hawkins said some students also underestimate the importance of their grade point average.

"It's a good screening device for how hard you work," Hawkins said. Hawkins suggests students build skills in writing, teamwork, problem solving, and public speaking.

"Employers said one of our students' biggest problems is that students don't know how to introduce themselves or talk

about themselves," Hawkins said.

Attending class also will help to land a job, Hawkins said.

"Faculty members have contacts, too," Hawkins said. "Learn to network. Sometimes it's not what you know but who you know."

Hawkins said completing an internship in your field of study also is a good idea.

"At the end of the internship you will either be let go with no hard feelings or you will be presented a job offer," Hawkins said. "Either way it's a valuable experience."

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CARLO ANGERER — Sports Editor

With confidence to spare coming off a home win against the University of Dayton (Ohio), the Morehead State football team traveled to Davidson College (N.C.) and added to their confidence with a 49-21 over the Wildcats.

"This is a very solid effort by our football team," said head coach Matt Ballard in a press release.

Ballard said he was pleased with every aspect of the team.

"We had balance offensive-

ly today," he said. "Our defense did a good job, especially against the run. We also played very well on special teams."

Nick Feldman and Rick Cornelius scored two touchdowns. Erick Fitzpatrick and Kyle Redden scored one each. Mason Webb kicked two field goals and scored on five point-after-kick attempts.

MSU is now 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the PFL. The team will travel to Jacksonville (Fla.) on Saturday.

Soccer Eagles loose wind beneath wings

CARLO ANGERER — Sports Editor

During last weekend's OVC road trip the MSU soccer team fell to 1-3-0 in the conference and 2-8-0 overall. The Lady Eagles lost against Murray State on Friday and fell to the University of Tennessee.

The Lady Eagles fell 3-1 in Tennessee. Freshman Erin Adams posted Morehead State's only goal in the 77th minute off a cross from junior Kimmie Beiting.

UT Martin's Katie Behrens and Jamie Price scored in the first half against MSU. Freshman goalkeeper Samantha

Yocke. Sophie Cox scored the third goal for UT Martin against junior goalkeeper Leslie King in the second half.

On Friday MSU lost 2-0 against Murray State. Krista Mulkens scored the first goal in the 45th minute after a cross from Rebekah Clay.

Kali McCoy sealed the win for the Murray State Racers in the 74th minute.

The MSU soccer team will play at home this weekend when it hosts Jacksonville State on Friday at 7 p.m. and Samford on Sunday at 2 p.m. in Jayne Stadium.

Tight battle for volleyball team against Samford

STEVE MAYNARD — Staff Writer

The Morehead State volleyball team pulled out a tough 3-1 win over Samford University Friday night at Wetherby Gymnasium.

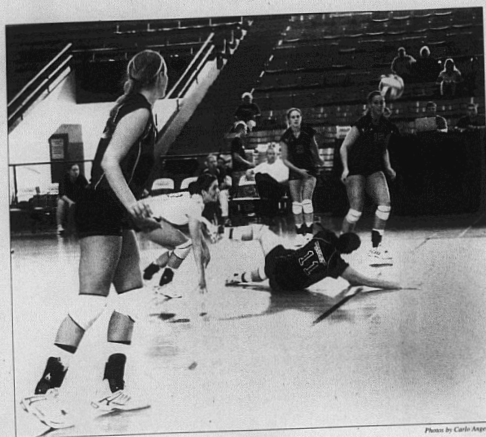
All of the games were tight battles. The Eagles won their first game 30-25 and lost the second 30-24.

With the match tied, the Eagles pulled out a 30-26 win in the third game and took the win in the fourth game at 30-27.

The Lady Eagles were led by outside hitters freshman Kaitlin Craven with 25 kills and junior Ashley Doscher with 17 kills.

"Samford did a great job of taking away our middle tonight, so the difference was that players like Craven and Doscher stepped up, and we had to attack on the outside tonight. That was the difference," head coach Jamie Gordon said.

"Both of those kids had great matches when we needed them to. We had to score on the attack because if you look at the stats, Samford did a great job as well. They only gave us 16 points on attack errors, so we really had to fight for every point," Gordon said.



Morehead State's volleyball team fell against Jacksonville State on Saturday.

Volleyball coach takes loss against JSU in stride

CARLO ANGERER — Sports Editor

After a loss a head coach is usually angry at either his players or at the referee. He might be sad or at least irritated. Not Jaime Gordon. MSU's head volleyball coach was calm and relaxed after Saturday's 3-1 home-loss against the Jacksonville State Gamecocks (Ala.).

He was not completely satisfied with his team's performance, but after the game it was too late to change anything and he knew that. When he was about to talk to his team in the locker room at Wetherby Gym, he was already looking into the future.

"We're absolutely gonna win the next games," Gordon said. "We just have to execute better."

He wrapped up the game against Jacksonville State perfectly with those few words. The Lady Eagles did not execute on the floor. It seemed like they never got into a rhythm. Every time they had the ball and tried to win points in a row, they already lost it.

"It's hard to get into rhythm when you are making so many errors," Gordon admitted.

Throughout most of the match Jacksonville State played but nervously but when it came to winning the important points, the team from Alabama was

able to execute.

MSU was able to take the first game 30-28, but that was a tough battle for the Lady Eagles. They were behind most of

trip and Friday night's with against Samford — the weak start for the Lady Eagles in the second game was no surprise. They gave Jacksonville a 3-0 head start and were never able to make up the spread. They lost the second game 30-19.

Morehead State fought harder in the third game and led twice at 14-13 and 15-14, but still lost the game 30-23.

They found their rhythm a little bit in the fourth game, but by then it was too late. Jacksonville took that one 30-27 to win the match 3-1.

"We fought a really good Jacksonville State team that executed very well," said Gordon. "We just didn't take advantage of the opportunities they gave us."

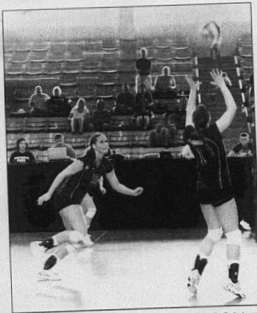
But Gordon believes in his team.

"We've had a real tough run with lots of matches," he said. "But this team has a lot of confidence."

Morehead State's record in the Ohio Valley Conference is now 7-2 and they are second in the standings — right after Saturday's

opponent Jacksonville State.

This weekend the Lady Eagles will be on the road again. On Friday they will play at Murray State and on Saturday they will travel to Tennessee-Martin.



Erin Peak (left) and Katelyn Barbour go for the volleyball.

the first game and only fought back in the last third to tie the game at 28-28.

The first game already showed the MSU fans that their team was not in its best form on Saturday. After a tough road

forced them into a tough loss.

But they can still win the Ohio Valley Conference, if they get their fire started again. They are still second in the standings and coach Jaime Gordon is sure his team will win the next games.

Gordon has a lot of confidence in this team and so should the fans. This season's volleyball team is ready to win. You can see that at every game.

Every player is ready to get into the game immediately, when Gordon calls on them for a substitution.

Even if they are a few points behind, the players are ready to fight and turn the game around. It was only last Saturday they couldn't. You can't necessarily see it looking at the score, but the Lady Eagles gave Jacksonville State a rough time at Wetherby Gym. But in the end — without rhythm — they just couldn't pull it off.

But they will pull it off in the next game and they have a good chance to come out on top of the OVC. They'll just have to win a couple more games.

Looking at the soccer Eagles is a whole different story. They lost two more games during last weekend's road trip. What's happening with that team?

As of right now the soccer team is 1-3 and eighth in the OVC standings. It might be a little bit harsh, but it seems like they don't have any chance to win the conference.

The volleyball team might not get into rhythm in one or two games, but the soccer players seem never to have found their rhythm this season.

The soccer players really have to get started now if they want to end up in the upper half of the conference by the end of

the season. Otherwise it will be really hard for them.

Maybe they'll have a better chance at home this weekend. They will play Jacksonville State on Friday and do better than the volleyball team against the Gamecocks from Alabama.

On Sunday they will face Samford. The volleyball team has already shown what you have to do against Samford — win.

If they can win these two games in Jayne Stadium — with a lot of fan support — then they will be able to enjoy more success down the stretch. But in the long run, the volleyball team still has a better shot at an OVC title.

From the Sports Desk

CARLO ANGERER — Sports Editor

Saturday's match against Jacksonville State was tough for the Morehead State Volleyball team.

It seemed like they never got into rhythm and the fans noticed, too.

Gone were the Lady Eagles, who just crashed their opponent in Wetherby Gym. Too many errors on their half, too much pressure from the other half

